

REMARKS

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended claims 1-4, 7 and 8 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. As such, Applicant respectfully requests the removal of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejection of claims 1-4, 7 and 8.

Accordingly, claims 1-15 and 26-31 are now in a condition for allowance.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3), applicant(s) hereby request and authorize the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time and (2) charge all required fees, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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